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### CCC CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Civilian Conservation Corps will be five years old April 5, 1938. Robert Fechner, director of CCC has asked all camps to hold "open house" celebrations some time during the week of March 31 - April 5.

Last year virtually all CCC camps invited the public to their "open house" celebrations. Visitors looked over the barracks, mess hall, and other buildings, as well as the work projects of the CCC boys.

This year all CCC camps will hold open house and welcome visitors to see how they live and the very fine work they have done this past year as well as preceding years, and the enormous amount of work planned for the coming years.

The army will join with the Technical Services officials in arranging to give visitors ample opportunity to observe camp life and the educational facilities offered to these boys, the really first class work performed by them, and the fine examples of American citizens developed by the healthy CCC life.

Each CCC camp will notify the public through its local and principal newspaper of the special day set aside for its "open house".

While everyone has seen CCC boys, few realize the activity that exists in these camps, the tremendous amount of work that has been accomplished by them, and the cheerful optimism with which they start out and steadily complete from the smallest job to large construction and development.

This training ground of our American youth gives them an opportunity never before presented to the youth of any country. CCC boys are trained to do all manner of work, giving them opportunity to find the work that best suits them. They are trained in leadership, citizenship, morals, cleanliness and how to respect the values of public and private property. All varieties of trade and cultural classes are available to them and eagerly pursued.

The CCC enrollees themselves develop in health and weight. To those associated with the CCC it is a source of constant satisfaction to watch the young enrollees develop from the time of their enrollment. Their chests expand, eyes brighten, skin gets the healthy bronze color, and above all, the lads find out that they really can do big things, and enjoy doing them.

The CCC is an All American institution with only American citizens in its ranks. Many enrollees who have left camps have written to their foreman and camp superintendent telling of their success in obtaining work. Many because of their training are now holding positions of responsibility. Who knows just what the effect of this training ground will be? Its camps are stretched from coast

to coast with the thousands of lads from the eastern states here in the west for the first time in their lives. The lads of the east, north and south, will and have learned to love our Western country. Many have married western girls. Many have and will make their homes here. All will learn the value and relation of their state to the country. as a whole, and with the warm fellowship that develops between their brother CCC enrollees, these United States will become more closely united; that understanding and sympathy with the problems of other states will and has broadened the outlook of the CCC enrollees; that cultural, physical and practical training has and will continue to develop young America to be proud of its country, and proud of the CCC that gave the opportunity.

By their works you shall know them. Visit their camps, see what has and is being done, and after having seen, you will not be surprised when you hear of former CCC boys who have made good. Who knows how far this development of citizenship and manhood may go. The future President of the United States may today be developing your National Parks, Forests or Biological Survey Wildlife Refuges.